**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**:

Claims 1-16. **(Canceled)**

17. **(Currently amended)** An exhaust-gas cleaning system for cleaning the exhaust gas of an internal combustion engine with at least one of self ignition ~~and/or with~~ and direct fuel injection, the system comprising

at least one oxidizing catalytic converter, disposed in an exhaust conduit of the engine,

at least one device, disposed downstream of the oxidizing catalytic converter for the selective catalytic reduction of the exhaust gases, and

a delivery device, integrated with the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter, for delivering a reducing agent into the exhaust-gas stream of the engine, the delivery device including a recess or a drilled-out opening in the oxidation catalytic ~~convertor~~ converter whereby the reducing agent can reach the exhaust stream without coming into contact with the oxidation catalytic ~~convertor~~ converter.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, wherein the delivery device comprises a nozzle for atomizing the reducing agent.

19. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, further comprising ~~by~~ a mixing device, downstream of the delivery device, for distributing the reducing agent in the exhaust-gas stream.

20. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 18, further comprising ~~by~~ a mixing device, downstream of the delivery device, for distributing the reducing agent in the exhaust-gas stream.

21. **(Withdrawn)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 18, wherein an outlet of the nozzle is disposed approximately centrally in the oxidizing catalytic converter.

22. **(Withdrawn)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 19, wherein an outlet of the nozzle is disposed approximately centrally in the oxidizing catalytic converter.

23. **(Withdrawn)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 18, wherein the outlet of the nozzle is disposed in an outer peripheral region of the oxidizing catalytic converter.

24. **(Previously Presented)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 19, wherein the outlet of the nozzle is disposed in an outer peripheral region of the oxidizing catalytic converter.

25. **(Previously Presented)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, wherein the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter, with the delivery device integrated with it, comprises a first housing; and wherein the device for selective catalytic reduction comprises a second housing adjoining the first.

26. **(Previously Presented)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, wherein the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter and the device for selective catalytic reduction have a common housing.

27. **(Previously Presented)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 19, wherein the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter and the device for selective catalytic reduction have a common housing.

28. **(Previously Presented)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, further comprising at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter disposed upstream of the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter in the exhaust-gas stream of the engine.

29. **(Previously Presented)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 28, wherein the at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter is disposed in the immediate vicinity of the combustion chambers of the engine.

30. **(Previously Presented)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 28, wherein the at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter comprises one further oxidizing catalytic converter each on each exhaust gas outlet from each combustion chamber of the engine.

31. **(Currently amended)** A method for cleaning exhaust gases of an internal combustion engine with at least one of self ignition ~~and/or with~~ and direct fuel injection, the method comprising passing an exhaust-gas stream through at least one oxidizing catalytic converter disposed in the exhaust conduit and through at least one device, downstream of the oxidizing catalytic converter, for selective catalytic reduction, and

delivering a reducing agent to the exhaust-gas stream inside the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter, the delivery being effected inside the oxidation catalytic ~~convertor~~ converter whereby the reducing agent can reach the exhaust gas stream via a recess or a drilled-out opening in the oxidation catalytic ~~convertor~~ converter without coming into contact with the oxidation catalytic ~~convertor~~ converter.

32. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 31, comprising utilizing a nozzle to effect by at least one of a delivery ~~and/or~~ and atomization of the reducing agent.

33. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 31, wherein the reducing agent is delivered approximately centrally inside the oxidizing catalytic converter.

34. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 31, wherein the reducing agent is delivered eccentrically inside the oxidizing catalytic converter.

35. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 31, wherein the exhaust-gas stream is carried through at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter upstream of the first oxidizing catalytic converter.

36. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 31, wherein the exhaust-gas stream is carried through at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter each in each exhaust conduit immediately downstream of the combustion chambers of the engine.